

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST REPORT

Date Issued: July 25, 2008 IBA Report Number: 08-86

City Council Docket Date: July 28, 2008

Item Numbers: 203, 204, and 206

Preliminary Statements of Work

OVERVIEW

On July 28, 2008, the City Council will be requested to review and approve the Preliminary Statements of Work (SOW) for Dead Animal Removal Services (Item 203), Container Services (Item 204), and Street Sweeping (Item 206).

A Preliminary Statement of Work includes service specifications and serves as the foundation of the Statement of Work that will be developed as part of the Request for Proposal.

The following provides a basic overview of the current process:

- A pre-competition assessment is performed upon completion of a function's business process reengineering (BPR) study. The pre-competition assessment makes a determination on whether a function is appropriate and eligible for competition. Criteria utilized to make this determination include evaluating whether the function is inherently governmental, legal limitations, risk analysis, availability of alternatives, and efficiency/economic gains.
- If a function has been deemed appropriate and eligible for competition, a statement of work and subsequently request for proposals are developed.

The current process does not allow Council input until the final determination of whether to accept or reject the Mayor's recommendation on whom will provide the service. In the past months, concerns have been raised on the lack of involvement the City Council is afforded in the current process.

As mandated by the City Charter, City Council is responsible for ensuring that service quality is maintained. To accomplish this, the IBA has proposed (Item 151 on the July 28, 2008 docket) to ensure Council's policy role to maintain service quality by requiring the Preliminary Statement of Work be reviewed and approved by the City Council. The



Preliminary SOW includes service specifications to outline the level of service that will need to be performed, whether via city employees or an outside vendor. This information reflects the current level of service that is being performed by city forces given their level of funding. Also, the Preliminary SOW will form the foundation of the Statement of Work that will be developed and included in the Request for Proposals. Service levels can not change between the Preliminary and Final SOW.

Given that the preliminary SOW identifies service levels based on current funding levels, as reflected in the adopted budget, this Council review is not an opportunity to increase service levels if that were to be desired. Rather, this step is to ensure that existing service levels are well documented and approved by the legislative body and that service levels provided through competitive procurement will not result in reductions.

It should be noted that the request to approve the Preliminary Statements of Work coincides with the request to amend the managed competition ordinance. Although the regulation will not be effective until its second hearing in September, the Mayor's Office has followed the intent of the new requirement and is asking Council for their approval. The existing process does not require the Mayor's Office to seek Council approval of the Preliminary Statements of Work. The Chief Operating Officer (COO) has committed to following all of the recommended changes to the managed competition process for the three Preliminary SOWs.

Based upon our review of the Preliminary Statements of Work for Dead Animal Removal, Container Services and Street Sweeping, as well as the COO's commitment to apply the proposed ordinance changes to all three processes, the IBA recommends City Council approval.

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Approved: Andrea Tevlin Independent Budget Analyst

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE ISSUED:

July 18, 2008

REPORT NO: 08-111

203

ATTENTION:

Honorable Council President and Councilmembers

Docket of July 28, 2008

SUBJECT:

Preliminary Statement of Work for Dead Animal Removal

REFERENCE:

REQUESTED ACTION:

Approve the Preliminary Statement of Work for Dead Animal Removal.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the Preliminary Statement of Work for Dead Animal Removal to serve as the foundation of the Dead Animal Removal Statement of Work.

SUMMARY:

The City of San Diego is committed to delivering quality services to taxpayers, residents, and visitors in the most economical and efficient means possible. This commitment can also be expressed as delivering services through "competitive government," defined as government with processes in place to validate that service quality and costs are comparable to those offered by any legitimate available provider.

Managed competition provides a structured, transparent process that allows an open and fair comparison of public sector employees and independent contractors in their ability to deliver services to our citizens. This strategy recognizes the high quality and potential of public sector employees and seeks to tap their creativity, experience and resourcefulness by giving them the opportunity to structure organizations and processes in ways similar to best practices in competitive businesses.

A Preliminary Statement of Work is the first step in the managed competition procurement process. The Preliminary Statement of Work documents service specifications and is presented to the City Council for consideration and public comment to assure all parties that no degradation of service levels will occur as a result of the competition. Once approved, the Preliminary Statement of Work forms the foundation for the complete Statement of Work which will be included in the solicitation. The attachment provides the Preliminary Statement of Work for the Dead Animal Removal function for consideration by the City Council.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION:

None.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

The managed competition program was initiated with the citizens of the City voting to approve Proposition C in November 2006. Staff has spent considerable time working with the labor unions (AFSCME Local 127 and MEA) to receive input on program plans. In addition, we have established a Labor Advisory Committee to facilitate continued work with the unions.

With the passage of Proposition C and the amendment/addition of subsection (c) to City Charter section 117, the Managed Competition Independent Review Board was established to advise the Mayor on whether the proposal of City employees or that of an independent contractor will provide services more economically and efficiently while maintaining service quality and protecting the public interest.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS:

Given that the competition has yet to take place, it is premature to speculate on precise impacts. However, key stakeholders in this process are City employees, the City's recognized labor unions and the residents and visitors of the City of San Diego.

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Preliminary Statement of Work Dead Animal Removal July 15, 2008

Background

The City of San Diego's Dead Animal Removal function involves collection and disposal of dead animals from public rights-of-way (approximately 2,800 miles of streets and alleys). Dead animal collection serves a public health and safety function and is mandated by California Penal Code 372. Staff ensures roadway safety by removing the animals, and maintains public health by properly collecting and cleaning the affected area, as necessary. Staff also removes identification tags, if any, so owners can be notified, maintaining detailed logs of the collection location and animal type.

This service is provided 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week. Regular service is provided Monday through Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dead animal removal outside of these hours is handled on an emergency (e.g., threat to public safety on roadways) call-out basis. Currently, emergencies occurring outside normal work hours average about once every two weeks.

The City of San Diego intends to acquire the services of a provider (City employees or outside vendor) to perform dead animal collections. These services will include:

- Collecting dead animals within one business day of a report being received (business hours are defined as Monday – Saturday, 6:30a.m. to 3:00 p.m).
- Performing emergency collections¹ within three hours of notification.
- Bagging or otherwise enclosing the dead animal in a sealed container.
- Cleaning collection sites to remove all visible parts of the animal.
- Make referrals for calls for services on private properties.
- Maintaining logs of animals picked-up, including annotating whether the animal was collected in a Multiple Species Conservation Program corridor.
- Disposing of collected animals the same day of collection. Animal disposal must be done in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.²
- Attempting to notify pet owners at the point of collection in the event they would like to take the pet. When immediate notification is not possible, notifying owners within one business day of collection.
- Collecting any dead animals that are observed in the right of way while en route between work orders.

¹ An emergency collection is defined as collection of a dead animal representing a hazard to a roadway or public health and safety.

² For instance, if an outside vendor provides this service, all dead ruminant livestock must be taken to a rendering facility and a Dead Hauler License must be obtained from the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

The anticipated annual workload specifications for this function include:

Total animals collected	3,360
Total emergency collections	26
Normal service hours:	Monday - Saturday, 6:30 a.m 3:00 p.m.
Emergency response	On call

Technical Delivery Standards

The City of San Diego expects the service provider (City employees or outside vendor) will perform these services while adhering to the following technical standards:

- Logs will be maintained that include: all work orders, dead animal collection activities, calls from Station 38 and other customers or stakeholders, and customer complaints.
- Entries in logs that indicate an animal in an MSCP area will be copied and provided to the appropriate office in the Development Services Department for special review.

Performance Standards

The City of San Diego expects the service provider (City employees or outside vendor) to maintain the following performance standards:

- Respond to 95% of all service requests within one business day.
- Maintain customer satisfaction by ensuring that less than 0.5% work orders result in a customer complaint.

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF WORK FOR DEAD ANIMAL REMOVAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, in connection with the managed competition program, a Preliminary

Statement of Work has been prepared for Dead Animal Removal Services provided by the

Environmental Services Department; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Statement of Work is intended to document current service levels and specifications and to form the foundation for the comprehensive Statement of Work for Dead Animal Removal Services to be included in a future solicitation; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the Preliminary

Statement of Work for Dead Animal Removal Services, dated July 15, 2008, as described in detail in Report to the City Council No. _____ and on file in the office of the City Clerk, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above activity is not a project and therefore is not subject to the California Environment Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c)(3).

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

Grace C. Lowenberg

Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution	was passed by the Council of the City of Diego,		
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